WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A method of jointing a cutting edge of at least one cutting blade of a rotating tool, ~~wherein between the tool and at least one straight jointing stone a radial advancing movement is carried out and wherein the jointing stone has an active jointing area that is longer than a length of the cutting edge~~, the method comprising the ~~step~~ steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone;

performing ~~during jointing~~ at least one relative stroke between the jointing stone and the cutting edge in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edge, wherein the at least one relative stroke has a stroke length that is shorter than the length of the cutting edge;

wherein the stroke length is such that a rearward end of the jointing stone, when viewed in the stroke direction, projects past the cutting edge at the end of the relative stroke.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the jointing stone is comprised of at least two jointing stone members arranged in the stroke direction at a relative spacing to one another, respectively, and wherein the stroke length is greater than the relative spacing.

7.-27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A method of jointing a cutting edge of at least two cutting blades of a rotating tool, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial ~~radially~~ advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone ~~relative to one another~~ so that the at least one jointing stone engages all cutting edges of the at least two cutting blades;

~~subsequently, oscillating~~ performing an oscillating movement of the at least one jointing stone in ~~an axial~~ a longitudinal direction of the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool by ~~performing at least two~~ carrying out several relative strokes between the at least one jointing stone and the ~~at least two~~ cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool ~~blades in opposite directions~~, wherein the stroke length is multiple times shorter than a length of the cutting edges ~~edge~~ of the at least two cutting blades.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the at least one jointing stone always engages an entire length of the cutting edge.

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the step of oscillating is carried out without radially advancing the at least one jointing stone.

31. (currently amended) The method according to claim 28 [[30]], wherein the at least one jointing stone is longer than the cutting edge plus the length of the relative stroke.

32. (new) A method of jointing cutting edges of cutting blades of a tool, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone so that the at least one jointing stone engages all cutting edges of the cutting blades;

performing an oscillating movement of the at least one jointing stone in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool by carrying out several relative strokes between the at least one jointing stone and the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool.

33. (new) A method of jointing cutting edges of cutting blades of a tool, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone, so that the at least one jointing stone engages all cutting edges of the cutting blades;

performing an oscillating movement of the at least one jointing stone in a

longitudinal direction of the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool by carrying out several relative strokes between the at least one jointing stone and the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool wherein the stroke length is shorter than a length of the jointing stone.

34. (new) A method of jointing cutting edges of cutting blades of a tool, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone so that the at least one jointing stone engages all cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool;

performing at least one relative stroke between the at least one jointing stone and the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool wherein the stroke length is shorter than a length of the jointing stone.